GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ORPHANS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the number of orphans has increased in the country in the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the number of orphan girls are more than orphan boys in the country;

(d) if so, the details therefore;

(e) whether the Government proposes to simplify the adoption-laws to facilitate adoption of orphans; and

(f) if so, the time by when the Government is likely to reframe such laws?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) The Ministry of Women and Child Development does not maintain information regarding number of orphans in the country.

(e)&(f) The procedures related to in-country adoption and inter-country adoption have been provided under "Guidelines for In-country Adoption, 2004 and "Guidelines for Adoption from India, 2006" respectively. These Guidelines replaced the earlier guidelines in order to bring in more simplicity and transparency in adoption procedures. However, these guidelines are subject to regular review in order to make them more efficient and child friendly. The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Act, 2006, alongwith the Model rules 2007 under this Act, also seek to provide a child friendly and simple adoption framework.